

## VERDICT---MANSLAUGHTER.

### WYCOTT GAVE HIMSELF UP TO THE AUTHORITIES.

The Inquest at Elginburg Thursday and the Evidence Laid Before the Jury—The Facts as to the Unfortunate Disturbance at the Sydenham Picnic.

Daily Wino, 25th.  
William Castell, butcher, Elginburg, as a result of a blow from a baseball bat at Sydenham received yesterday, died at three o'clock this morning. An inquest was convened this afternoon. The trouble occurred at a picnic under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church, Railton.

The proceedings were marred by some young men who acted very much as if they were under the influence of liquor. William Castell wanted to fight. Efforts were made to keep him quiet, but these were useless. He rushed through the crowd while the baseball game between Odessa and Elginburg was in progress. His friends gathered about him and coaxed him to keep quiet, but he was obstinate. During the day he had a quarrel with R. Wycott, from Odessa, playing with the club from that place. He was about to strike the ball when Castell saw him. He placed himself on the line over which Wycott would likely run if he struck the ball, and threatened to injure the player. He told the pitcher he would not strike the ball while Castell was in the way. When he saw that Wycott was determined to stand on the home plate, Castell threw off his coat and ran towards Wycott intending to strike him. Wycott swung the bat and struck Castell over the forehead. The men clinched and a fight ensued, during which Castell tore the shirt off Wycott and caught him by the throat. The men were separated and Castell was led away. He did not complain much about his head, and friends took him to a spring and washed his face and head. He then went to Switzer's hotel, where he went to sleep. From there he was taken to his home in Elginburg and allowed to sleep in the wagon on the way. He was unconscious when he reached the house and died at three o'clock this morning. None of the picnicers thought the blow was a serious one, and it never occurred to the minds of any that Castell would die. The news of his death, circulated here by his brother, this morning, was a great surprise. The unfortunate young man is well known. He learned the butchering business in the city and a few years ago he and his brother removed to Elginburg, where they carried on business on their own account. Deceased was a fine specimen of manhood. He was tall and stronger than any young man of his age in the county of Frontenac. He had a daring disposition and was not afraid of anything. He was the leader in the cow-boy parade in the city on the Queen's birthday and showed his skill as a horseman by picking up things from the streets, while his horse was at full gallop, without having to leave its back.

R. Wycott, who struck Castell, is a painter, from Odessa. He says he did not strike Castell with the intention of killing him, but did so to protect himself from Castell's blows. Wycott feels very much grieved over the result of the trouble.

Many people who were at the picnic say that if those in authority at Sydenham had sworn in special constables to keep order at the picnic there would not have been a tragedy. Nearly every person whom our reporters talked with in regard to the affair lay the blame on Castell, who acted most desperately. Several times he made assault on Wycott, who luckily dodged the blows aimed at him. When he was driven into a fight he used the club in self-defence with the painful result noted above. Castell was a fine athletic man, while Wycott was small in stature, but quick in action.

The Coroner's Inquest.  
Thursday afternoon coroner Mundell visited Elginburg and held an enquiry, respecting the death of William Henry Castell, butcher, whose death was caused by a blow received during a row at Father McWilliams' picnic, held at Sydenham, on Wednesday. The coroner visited the house of deceased, situated in a lane on the west side of the main road. There were gathered in the yard and in the house friends from the neighborhood, who deeply sympathize with the family of the unfortunate young man in their bereavement. The wife and intimate friends were in a great state of grief. Mrs. Castell could not hold her head up and wept loudly, while her children played about the rooms ignorant of the cause of mourning.

At Catarqui on the way out the services of William Smith, constable, were enlisted and on his arrival he empanelled the jury before whom evidence was heard. The jurymen were: S. Clixby, foreman; Alfred Aylesworth, James Bourance, J. Jamieson, H. Counter, John Aylesworth, John Porter, F. Murphy, John Doherty, F. Porter, G. Palmer and J. H. Lake.

The body, which lay in a room adjoining the department in which the trial was commenced, was viewed by the jurymen and the coroner drew their attention to the apparent injuries. On the front of the left side of the head is a depressed fracture four inches long. The skull, dark in colour, was torn in several places and blood which came from the wound had stained the pillow.

After the body had been viewed, Dr. Mundell advised the jurymen to be just and fair in their deliberations. They must give the evidence their best thought so that they could arrive at a proper conclusion and deal fairly with those interested.

R. McCampbell, proprietor of the Russell house, Kingston, swore that when Castell was struck he (witness) was talking to Fr. McWilliams at his picnic, held at Mace's Point, near Sydenham. Witness happened to look towards the baseball match when he saw William H. Castell pull off his coat and rush towards the batter at the home plate. Witness then ran over and was just in time at the home plate to see Castell fall. Witness saw Robert Wycott holding the bat with two hands striking down Castell. Witness lifted Castell off the ground and saw that he was stunned with the blow. McConnell, with another man, raised Castell and conducted him to a spring close by, where he (witness) bathed Castell's head for about five minutes. Witness brought Castell to his senses to some extent. When witness asked Castell if he knew him he (Castell) shook his head. McConnell asked Castell to go over to the hotel, he consented and walked over. On the way he complained of his head, and witness put his hand on a swelling on Castell's head.

Witness thought the swelling was on the right side of Castell's head. "I did not see any blood on his head." I went slowly to the bar in the hotel. I asked for a glass of brandy. Castell refused the brandy by shaking his head. He did not speak. We went upstairs for a room in Switzer's hotel. We met Miss

Switzer and she pointed one out. I laid Castell on the bed and asked him if I could take off his boots and he nodded affirmatively. I took them off and asked him if there was anything else I could do for him before I left and he signed for me to leave the room. I went back to the baseball match and met his brother, John Castell, and told him I had placed his brother in bed. William Castell was the worse of liquor. I saw him before the fight and had coaxed him out of the crowd several times, because he was creating disturbance in the vicinity of the game. He was a member of the Elginburg baseball team and felt grieved over defeat in the morning. To drown his grief he got under the influence of liquor, and then he showed his ill-feeling towards the Odessa team. He wanted to see the Sydenham team win. He tried to create disturbances several times with members of the Odessa team. He did not fight with Wycott, but disturbed the games by running across the lines of the diamond.

Witness—While running towards Wycott at the home plate, Castell was taking his coat off. Wycott waited until Castell came up, and, in answer to several voices, "strike him with the bat," Wycott did. He stood still; did not run towards Castell. Wycott deliberately struck him. From the appearance of Castell while running, I was satisfied that he was going to injure Wycott. I knew Castell intended to fight. At least that was my impression. I cannot say whether Wycott said anything or not. I thought the blow was a pretty swift one.

In answer to jurymen witness said that Wycott's life would not have been in danger had he not struck the blow. If the crowd had not yelled, "Strike him with the bat," I do not think Wycott would have struck Castell. Wycott could have run into the crowd and escaped. Castell could have been pacified. Witness thought Wycott struck Castell in self defence. Castell was about twenty feet from Wycott when I heard voices say, "Strike him with a bat."

At this stage several jurymen slipped out and the coroner on noticing their absence sent the constable after them and warned them not to leave the room again.

Robert Smith, farmer, swore: W. H. Castell was quite noisy during the day and in the afternoon a row between him and Wycott took place. I saw Wycott and Castell in a clench.

Another jurymen was missed and again the coroner administered a severe rebuke to the constable for negligence. The jurymen was lectured when he came back.

R. Smith continued: It was at the beginning of the game that Wycott and Castell clinched. Some time after that the men had a few words. Wycott was at the bat. I was standing near, within forty feet of the batsman. Castell went down the line, going to first base, saying to Wycott: "I have my eye on you." Wycott said something back but I did not hear the words. Castell said, "You would, would you," and ran in on Wycott. Castell was pretty drunk and ran determinedly. I thought he was going to strike Wycott, because he looked like it. If he ran at me in the same way I would expect he was going to strike me. I saw Wycott strike Castell with the bat. It was a pretty hard blow. I remarked to some person that the blow sounded very much like hitting the baseball. The pitcher did not throw the ball and Wycott was not hitting at the ball. Wycott did not appear as if he was afraid of Castell. Wycott was in position to strike the ball when Castell started to run. Wycott did not swing around to give greater force to the blow. To the best of my knowledge Wycott struck Castell on the left side of the head. Wycott struck Castell in the same way as he would strike a baseball. In the first fight Wycott got the best of Castell and the second time Wycott could have done the same because Castell was so drunk he could not stand up very long in a row.

John Martin, Elginburg, store-keeper, sworn: Was at Father McWilliams' picnic. I saw the first row between Wycott and William H. Castell. It took place about four o'clock. They were parted. Neither one got hurt. Castell was coaxed away and he got within forty feet of Wycott. Castell said to Wycott, "I've got it in for you." Castell took off his coat and stood for a moment. He then made a rush at Wycott, intending to hit him. When Castell came up Wycott struck Castell on the left side of the head. Castell staggered and Wycott dropped the bat and went at Castell with his fists. Wycott struck Castell with his fists. Wycott had made a foul. The ball had gone over the catcher's fence and the players were waiting for the ball, when the row occurred. Wycott in making the blow used one hand, and that was the right. I supposed Wycott struck in self-defence.

John Woodruff, Sydenham, said: I did not hear Castell or anyone else say he was going to strike Wycott as he was running towards his first base.

John Castell, farmer, brother of deceased, sworn: My brother was a little the worse of liquor during the picnic. I was near first base when Wycott was at the home plate. My brother started towards home plate but the crowd gathered and I did not see the blow struck. After the row I went up to the hotel where my brother was and he asked me to let him have an hour's rest. He wanted to know how he came to the hotel. I told him I thought Mr. Brewer had brought him there. He said he would go home with Brewer, and asked me to see him. I asked Brewer if he would take W. Castell home. He said he would. Brewer came up to the room where my brother was, and he did not speak to Brewer. I asked him again if he would take my brother home, and Brewer said he had not finished his business. I asked my brother if he would come home with me and he said he would. On the way he laid down. I did not drive fast. Messrs. Hart, McCabe and Golye came home in the rig with us. When I brought him home I laid him on a bed and told his wife he was full. I did not like to frighten her by telling her he was struck with a baseball bat, and I did not think the blow was serious.

R. Wycott, painter, Odessa, who struck William Henry Castell, swore: I do not know whether I have anything to say. Before I commenced to strike I had a little fight with Castell. Before the second row I was at the bat and there were one or two strikes called on me. Castell was between twenty and thirty feet down the line towards first base. He said "there's the dirty 'un." He threw off his coat and vest and then came for me. When he got close enough he struck at me. I had the bat up to strike the ball and I struck him. The crowd ran in and seized me and Castell.

Coroner—Why did you strike Castell with the bat?  
Witness—I was afraid if Castell got hold of me he would kill me. I was afraid of my life.

Coroner—Did he strike you before you hit him?

Witness—He struck me before I struck him with the bat.

Coroner—Why did you think that Castell was going to hurt you?

Witness—Two or three strangers told me Castell was down the line—waiting for me to knock me over. I knew Castell had been drinking, but I knew that he was able to hurt me even in his drunken state.

Coroner—What amount of force did you use in striking Castell?

Witness—I struck him with a bat, holding it in one hand and would have run away if I could. He struck me in the breast afterwards, and tore my shirt off. I had to get another shirt to go home with.

On being re-examined witness said that several people told him that Castell would kill him and that was the reason witness was afraid of him. Wycott said he struck Castell to save himself.

Wycott is a small man, 5 ft. 2 in., weighing 129 pounds. Castell was 5 ft. 10 in. in height and weighed 175 pounds.

Witness—When I saw Castell running I did not think he was coming for me until he was about four feet away. He struck me with one hand and caught me with the other. I did not warn Castell that I was going to strike him. I was not striking at the ball when I struck Castell.

When Wycott was leaving the house a scene occurred. A spectator named Smith tried to break away from a crowd to follow Wycott. In the meantime the coroner warned the people that Wycott was under the protection of the court, and must not be molested. Wycott went away alone from the premises.

J. M. Denyes, Odessa, said that Castell tried to break up the game, and Wycott answered him jokingly. Castell told Wycott he was too small to say anything. When Castell struck at Wycott he caught and threw him. This was a fight in the early part of the day. Before the second row Castell came within twelve feet of the home plate and said: "You are a dirty s---b." and said "I am laying for you." He marched down the line and threw off his coat and vest and began calling Wycott names, and said "I am laying for you." I heard some person in the crowd yell to Wycott to take his bat with him if he went to first base. I think Castell heard Wycott say something for he (Castell) started for him at the home plate. If Castell rushed at me like he did at Wycott I would consider he was going to do bodily harm. I heard Castell say to the effect that he would smash Wycott if there was not anything but an arm and leg left of himself. Before Castell went down the line he told Wycott that he was laying for him, and Wycott said that was all right. My opinion was that Castell would have hurt Wycott badly.

C. Jones, Odessa, painter, said that in the afternoon when the Odessa club commenced playing with Sydenham, Castell went up and down the line between first and home bases disturbing the game. I was coaching at the line at third base. Castell kept yelling and I said I would do the talking. He told me to shut my mouth, that he would talk. He walked around back of the home base towards first base and came out on the line between home and first base. Wycott was batting. Castell said "that's the black b--- that I am after." I heard someone in the crowd tell Wycott to take his bat to first base. Wycott said something and then Castell threw his coat and made for Wycott. I was standing about four feet from Wycott. He backed up eight or ten feet, and then Castell made a grab for him and Wycott struck with the bat. The men were parted then. Wycott had his shirt half off. Wycott backed up to escape from Castell. Castell got up and had hold of Wycott after the blow was dealt. Castell tore Wycott's shirt nearly off. As far as I know Wycott has a good character, and I never heard he had to get out of the country on account of a row he got into.

A. P. Booth, Odessa, said: After the first inning was played Castell was taken off the ground and it was said he had gone to Sydenham. The clubs had stopped playing ball on account of a row. The clubs began playing again and Castell came within three or four feet from where I was. Wycott was at the bat. Castell said something to him and Wycott said: "That's all right," and turned to the pitcher. Castell passed me, going down the line towards first base. The next I noticed him was with his coat off running towards Wycott at the home plate. When Castell got near Wycott he started to back up. Castell made a grab at him when Wycott hit him. The blow was severe enough to knock Castell to his knees. Afterwards Castell got hold of Wycott. The blow was heard twelve feet away.

Dr. M. Tovell, of Sydenham, made the post mortem examination. He swore: "I found the body well nourished. There was a slight abrasion on the head three inches above left ear. On opening the scalp I found the tissues over the left side of the head covered with clotted blood. I removed the clot and found a fracture of the frontal bone, about half an inch above eye-brow, upward and back two and half inches. On removing the skull I found a large blood clot covering the whole left side of the brain and also two small pieces of bone embedded in the brain. The skull was very thin, no thicker than an ordinary knife blade. The heart, lungs and liver were in a healthy condition. The internal vessels of the stomach seemed to be slightly congested. The cause of death was a ruptured blood vessel. The skull was very thin. It should have been twice as thick for a man of the size of Castell."

Arnold Cranston, farmer, Elginburg: I was standing at the back-stop with W. Castell and he seemed to be quiet at that time. He started from me towards the home base, and when about half way between home base and back-stop, I asked him to come back as the game was going all right. Just then Mr. Wycott was called to the bat and Castell passed ten feet from the home base behind the catcher and started towards first base. When a short distance past the catcher he (Castell) looked at Wycott and said something to him. Then Wycott said: "You will, eh." Then Castell went on a little further and passed around the corner of a crowd and I did not see him for a minute or two. Then I saw him running towards Wycott, and as Castell neared him Wycott had his bat over his shoulder, and some person said: "Strike him." Responding to this command he struck Castell and he partly fell on one knee and seized Wycott.

The coroner addressed the jury very fully, urging them to deliberate carefully and intelligently dissect the evidence that had been given.

Anticipating the verdict Coroner Mundell wrote out forms of commitment for the arrest of Robert Wycott and despatched constable Smith to make the arrest. This was done as soon as Dr. Mundell had learned that the jury had returned a verdict of manslaughter against Wycott.

Before Smith left the building in which the inquest was held, Coroner Mundell counselled him not to let the grass grow

under his feet. Smith did not have to go far to get Wycott. He was waiting in a barn close by and was there arrested and driven to Kingston and placed in the goal to await his trial at the fall assizes.

### KINGSTON IN BRIEF.

What is Going On in the Staid but Good Old City.

Mrs. Geo. Fraser, Napanee, will remove to Kingston.

T. Robinson gets \$190 a month with the Rochester baseball team.

Gilbert Ostler, of Plevna, is in the city to enjoy a month's vacation.

Mrs. (Prof.) Watson and family are at Amherst Island to spend the summer.

Rev. C. M. Stratton, Napanee, is on an extended visit to Kingston and vicinity.

Gr. Ferguson, who deserted from "A" battery about a week ago, returned to barracks.

The drug stock of J. E. Spankie has been sold to Henry Skinner & Co. at twenty-eight cents.

On Monday D. J. Walker and wife left for a trip to Victoria, B. C. They will be absent a month.

Friends of Dr. T. M. Fenwick say that he is certain to be appointed physician at the Kingston penitentiary.

A. Cuddiford, who had his leg cut off on the K. & P. a year or so ago, has received an appointment at the K. & P. round house.

The proprietors of all the hardware stores have consented to give their clerks a half holiday every Wednesday during August.

Mate Emmett, engineer, K. & P. railway, in the hospital for a long time having a diseased knee treated, is still very lame. He does not think the disease can be cured.

One night last week while a resident of Williamsville was going home late he was assaulted by two men. They knocked him down and went through his pockets, but found little money.

The committee on county property met at the court house on Friday and opened tenders for wood and coal. Booth & Co. were given the contract for coal at \$4.15 per ton, while R. Crawford got the wood at \$3.09 per cord.

Miss Annie Smith, B.A., Queen's college, Kingston, as well as a certificated high school teacher from the school of pedagogy, Toronto, has been appointed principal of the Garden Island public school in the place of J. G. Hamilton, resigned.

R. T. Routh, a leading citizen of Montreal, died on Tuesday, aged seventy years. He was one of the founders of the corn exchange. He married Miss Ellerbeck, of Kingston, who died some two years ago, and was brother-in-law of S. F. Holcomb, the well-known farmer.

Douglas Stewart, inspector of penitentiaries, visited the Kingston institution a few days ago to investigate charges of bad discipline against various officers who were suspended. Two were reinstated and a third was dismissed. He was charged with sleeping while on duty.

The other day Lieut. Col. Straubenzie was looking over some old papers when he ran across an order on Richardson & Sons for the value of a quantity of wheat. The account was, of course, fifteen years old and outlawed, but the firm readily paid over the amount when told of it.

### MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Paragraphs Picked Up About the Wharves And Elsewhere.

Cleared from Garden Island: Str. Armenia, barges Valencia and Norway, Marquette, Mich., light.

The barge City of Kingston has been purchased by D. Grimshaw and is now on Davis' drydock being remodelled and fixed up. Mr. Grimshaw will carry pressed hay and wood with the boat.

Folger Bros. have placed the steamer America in charge of Capt. Hinckley. He is an old steamboat man and is safe and reliable. The travelling public will rejoice to know that he has again entered the service of Folger Bros.

The schr. Loretta Rooney claimed to have beaten the schr. Fabiola a couple of days ago, and Capt. D. Bates has been waiting for Capt. Barnhardt every since. They met on the way over to Oswego, and the Fabiola walked away from the Rooney quite easily. On the return trip the Rooney was also beaten.

The barge Glenora, light, in tow of the tug Jessie Hall, and coming up ran into lock 17, Cornwall canal, Friday morning, carrying away the gates. The rush of water sent pouton John Page into lock 16, smashing all the locks. The canal was then dry from lock 18 down and no new gates were on hand. These locks were disabled before this season.

### CHURCH PARAGRAPHS.

News From All Denominations—The Filling of the Pulpits.

Rev. Dr. Davis, of Springfield, Mo., has accepted the pastorate of Emmanuel church, Montreal.

The name of the Queen's avenue Methodist church has been changed to the "London Metropolitan Methodist Church."

Rev. Paul Pergau, of Minton, but formerly of Brockville, was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Methodist church, Sherbrooke, on Wednesday evening.

The congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. S. McTavish, of St. George. The call was forwarded to the Kingston presbytery who sustained it and ordered its transmission to Mr. McTavish through the Paris presbytery. That presbytery will consider it at a meeting on Aug. 6th.

Money or Your Life.

Toronto Globe.  
On Tuesday, Allan Fletcher, aged ten, son of Professor Fletcher, Queen's College, came near taking the life of girl named Gill, at St. John, N.B. Young Fletcher found a five-chamber 32 calibre revolver. He suddenly confronted Miss McGill, who was coming in the doorway, and pointing the revolver, exclaimed: "Money or your life." He pulled the trigger twice, but it missed fire. The third time the revolver went off, the bullet striking the girl below the right breast, in a slanting direction. A doctor was quickly summoned, and probed the wound, and found the ball about five inches from where it entered, and one inch from the surface. The girl is resting easily, and will be all right in a few days.

Willed To the Sons.

The will of the late W. O. Wyckoff, Carleton Island, has been presented at Watertown, N.Y., for probate. It leaves all the estate to his two sons, Edward G. Wyckoff, who conducts the big book store in the Bastable theater building in Syracuse, and Clarence F. Wyckoff of Carleton Island. The latter is a minor, being nineteen years of age. His brother, the petitioner, is of full age. The value of the personal property is fixed at \$700,000; real estate, \$58,300. The state will receive about \$8,000 on account of the inheritance tax. Edward G. Wyckoff was appointed administrator.

### CITY AND VICINITY.

They Came To Kingston.

The five men arrested at Berlin on the 6th July and charged with attempted train robbery were, last week, convicted and sentenced by Judge Lacourse. Three of them were sent to Kingston for seven years and two for five years.

### He Dropped Dead.

Word was received Saturday that Dennis Pelow, brother of T. Pelow, of McParland's liquor store, had dropped dead on the street in Watertown. The unfortunate man was only married about three weeks ago to Miss Lizzie Murray, of this city.

### The Battalion Re-organized.

The 47th batt. has been thoroughly re-organized. There will now be only seven companies instead of ten as before. Col. Hunter has made application to Ottawa for ammunition for target practice this fall, also for new uniforms. The target practice will be at company's headquarters.

### Shortis' Insanity.

Dr. Anglin, superintendent of the Verdun asylum, and Dr. Clarke, superintendent of Rockwood asylum, have just concluded an examination of Shortis. In his report Dr. Anglin declared that Shortis is insane. The report of Dr. Clarke has not been quite finished yet, but he has declared that Shortis is mentally deranged. Dr. Clarke, however, asserts that the mind of Shortis is not so deranged that he is without lucid intervals.

### A Fish Story They Tell.

The biggest fish story of the season has just been promulgated. Grant Kendall is one of the employes on the steamer Jessie Bain and lives on Grindstone Island. Sunday he and his mother and sister went to Gananoque in a skiff. On their return when not far from the island a big sturgeon leaped from the water into the boat. Mr. Kendall grabbed the fish and took it home. The sturgeon weighed twenty two pounds. Mr. Kendall vouches for the truthfulness of the story.

### Did Not Catch Him.

Late Tuesday afternoon something of a sensation was occasioned at Thousand Island Park by a suspected smuggler. Officers who believed that he was engaged in smuggling meat and poultry into the park and disposing of it to cottagers, have been watching his movements lately. Tuesday he landed in Crystal bay. He went to one cottage, where two chickens were purchased. Policeman Snyder, who had seen the man land and go to the cottage, followed him, but he eluded capture by leaping from the bank to the river edge, jumping into his skiff and pulling for the Canadian shore.

### Horse Was A Crib Biter.

An interesting case was tried before Judge Wilkison Wednesday. It was Thos. H. Mills vs. Julius Thompson. Thompson sold Mills a horse which was a crib biter and wind sucker. The horse died of the disease. Mills paid part of the price of the horse and Thompson sued for the balance and received judgment in the division court. Then Mills sued in the county court for \$100 breach of warranty. R. Shaw, solicitor for Thompson, moved to dismiss because judgment had already been given. The difficulty was argued several times, and finally before Judge Wilkison who dismissed Shaw's application with costs. T. L. Snook acted for Mills.

### This Is Pic-nic Season.

A very successful picnic was held Wednesday at Welburn's Point, under the auspices of St. Luke's church, Williams-ville. The people were carried to and from the grounds in five vans. There were sports of various kinds carried on, and a great deal of interest was centered in a baseball match.

A picnic arranged by Sands Brothers was held in Sands' grove, Milburn, Wednesday afternoon, and was attended by about 400 people. The main amusement was dancing, and the music was provided by J. Acres and A. Neilson. The crowd dispersed about midnight. The horse drawing the musicians became balky on the way home, and they did not reach the city until five o'clock next morning.

### Foreign Competition

Is often declared to be the cause of much of the suffering in this country, and we are told that the number of foreigners in England make it very difficult for the Englishman to get a living. However this may be, it is certainly true that the presence of foreign matter in the blood endangers the health of the whole system. To purify the blood and to correct disorders of the liver and stomach, the only certain, safe and agreeable medicine is Holloway's Pills. If you suffer from gout, rheumatism, or lumbago, scalds, burns, or similar evils, you must use with the least possible delay, Holloway's Ointment. For over half a century these famous remedies have been the faithful friend of man.

### Grand Encampment I.O.O.F.

The 26th annual session of the Grand Encampment, I.O.O.F., began in Picton court house Tuesday morning. An address of welcome on behalf of the town was made by Mayor Laird, and on behalf of the local members of the order by Edmund Roblin, of Picton, P.C.P. The addresses were responded to by the grand patriarch. After transacting routine business the encampment proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year as follows: Grand Patriarch, J. J. Reid, Montreal; grand high priest, George Ross, Hamilton; senior warden, George Bell, Ottawa; grand scribe, M. D. Dawson; grand treasurer, Edmund Belz, London; grand junior warden, Samuel Law, Guelph; grand marshal, T. Colby, Toronto; grand inside sentinel, James Colip, Belleville; grand outside sentinel, Edmund Roblin, Picton. Niagara was selected for the next place of meeting.

### Frontenac Cheese Board.

The Frontenac cheese board met on Thursday afternoon, 25th, and buyers took till three o'clock to make their bids. The market has become stiffer during the past week so that a much better price was given to-day. The board opened at 7 1/2 and crept gradually up to 8 1/2-16c. At this figure Mr. Madden got about five factories while Mr. Russell captured very nearly the remainder of the board. He got about 1,500 cheese. A couple of factories still held out for a bigger figure. It looks as if the stagnation is gone. This time last year the board was up to 9 1/2c. The cheese offered were:

Battersa, 60; Bear Creek, 70; Cold Springs, 80; Farmers' Friend, 60; Glen-vale, 45; Grant's Hill, 120; Gilt Edge, 50; Harrowsmith, 125; Keenan & Son, 75; Lake Shore, 35; Maple Leaf, 40; Morning Star, 25; Oregon, 75; Pine Grove, 60; Pine Hill, 50; Perth Road, 30; Rose Hill, 50; Sand Hill, 46; St. Lawrence, 35; Sunbury, 100; Tichborne, 50; Woodburn, 40; Union, 200; One Thousand Islands, 50; Silver Spring, 20; Model, 60; Excelsior, 30; Ontario, 85; Catarqui, 75.